

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending in the application. In the Office Action Summary item 5, the examiner has indicated that claims 1-7 and 9 "are allowed". Counsel assumes that the examiner meant to check box 6 indicating that these claims are rejected. This response is based upon this understanding.

In item 4 of the Official Action, four claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated by WO '523 (claim 8 was canceled in the Amendment of February 27, 2007) while the remaining claims 3-7 are rejected as allegedly being unpatentable/obvious over the disclosures of WO '523 taken in view of JP '876.

Applicants have previously submitted comparative evidence and this is discussed in item 2 of the Official Action as well as the remarks in item 8.

In addition to this evidence, there are other reasons why the claims of this application are neither anticipated by nor patentable over the disclosure of the cited document(s) and it deals with the Amendment filed February 27, 2007. More specifically, independent claims 1 and 2 as revised in the Amendment filed February 27, 2007 include the characteristic feature in that an acrylic resin or a polyethylene terephthalate film as a substrate film (A) is surface-coated with a crosslinking acrylic resin containing an anti-weathering agent. Owing to this feature, the present invention accomplishes the total light transmittance, haze, yellow index (YI) and haze change of the substrate film defined in the second paragraph of each of claims 1 and 2 and accomplishes the total light transmittance, haze, yellow index (YI) and water contact angle of the laminated film defined in the fourth paragraph of each of claims 1 and 2.

In contrast, the cited WO '523 discloses, as a substrate, polymethyl methacrylate that is an acrylic resin and polyethylene terephthalate, but does not disclose or suggest that these are surface-coated with a crosslinking acrylic resin containing an anti-weathering agent.

Therefore, present claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by and not obvious over the cited WO '523.

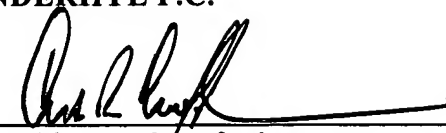
For the above reasons it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application define inventive subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

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